Dicken families,
Here are this week's updates from Principal Madison and the PTO. In this issue:

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-Vanessa Revelli
PTO communications chair

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—> Have an item for the email blast? Email it to dolphinsblast@gmail.com
Blast items must be received by 5:00pm Friday.

**Principal Madison’s Notes**

*Happy New Year and Welcome to a New Decade!* I trust everyone had a restful and enjoyable time with family & friends during our Winter Break. This week will be tough for some kids as they transition back into the routines of our school schedules. We will do our best to welcome our Dolphins and help them get back to learning in our educational environment.

この冬休みの間、みなさんは家族や友人と共に楽しい時間を過ごされたことと思います。しかし、学校が始まる今週は、通常の学校生活に馴染めない子供達も出て来ます。ディッケン小学校はその様な子供達を助け、通常の学校生活に速やかに戻れるようにお手伝いをします。

**Thank You:** The Dicken staff would like to thank all of the parents who help with holiday parties or who were so kind to bless them with a small holiday gift in December. Those small tokens of appreciation & help mean a lot to the Dicken Staff. We are so lucky to have such a supportive parent community.
ディッケンのスタッフは、12月のホリデーパーティーの手伝いや、ホリデーギフトを提供してくださった全ての保護者の方々に心より感謝しています。援助の大小にかかわらず、それらはディッケンのスタッフにとってたいへん貴重なもののです。このような素晴らしい保護者のサポートがあって私達はとても光栄です。

**New Teacher Consultant:** It is my pleasure to introduce our new Teacher Consultant, Ms. Jennifer Jarchow. She comes to Dicken sixteen years of teaching experience. Her journey in special education has taken her to many places, including many years as an educator in Oakland County, Southern California, and most recently, in Ann Arbor at Tappan Middle School. This opportunity for her has come at an incredible time for her family. She replaces Ms. Hasty, who resigned in November. Ms. Jarchow is a Dicken parent so she already is a part of the Dicken community. This is truly a win-win for our Dicken Dolphins!

新しい**Teacher ConsultantのMs. Jennifer Jarchow**を紹介します。Ms. Jarchowは教育者として16年の経験があり、Oakland CountyやSouthern California、最近ではAnn ArborのTappan Middle SchoolでSpecial Educationに携わってきました。今回の人事はMs. Jarchowの家族にも素晴らしいものとなりました。Ms. Jarchowは、昨年11月に退職したMs. Hastyの代わりですが、もともとディッケンの生徒の保護者でもあるので、もうすでにこのコミュニティーの一員なのです。これは、ディッケンの子供達にとっても好都合なことでしょう。

**New Building Teacher Substitute:** We are very lucky to have been assigned a building sub for the rest of the school year. This position helps Dicken when we have a failed absence or need additional support within a classroom. Please join me in
welcoming Ms. Sherri Baughman into the Dicken Family. She has been at Dicken throughout the fall subbing for many teachers, so she knows many staff & students already.

ディッケンでは、今学期の間、新しいBuilding Subを迎えることになりました。Building Subは、教員が不在の時やサポートが必要な時に援助に入ります。Ms. Sherri Baughmanをディッケンファミリーとして喜んで迎えたいと思います。Ms. Baughmanは昨年の秋から、ディッケンで多くの教員の援助をしてきたので、すでにスタッフや子供達もMs. Baughmanのことをよく知っていま

New Building Teacher Assistant Substitute: We also have been assigned a building teacher assistant sub for the time being. This position helps Dicken when we are short a teacher assistant or need additional support with students. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Cam Wilson into the Dicken Family. He started this position in December and has agreed to continue. He has spent most of his time in Ms. Thomas's classroom subbing for Ms. Henry (TA) who has been out on FMLA. Ms. Henry should return next week so we will be able to use Mr. Wilson in other classrooms then.

また、新しいBuilding Teacher Assistant Substituteを迎えることもできました。Building Teacher Assistant Substituteは、Teacher Assistant (TA)が少ない時や、子供達がさらなるサポートを必要とする時に援助に入ります。Mr. Cam Wilsonをディッケンファミリーとして歓迎したいと思います。Mr. Wilsonは、昨年12月から主にMs. Thomasのクラスで、家族・医療休暇中のMs. Henry (TA)に代わって援助に入っていましたが、来週Ms. HenryがTAとして復帰してからは他のクラスに援助に入ることになります。
Weather Changes/Extra Clothes: Please remember to check the weather daily & dress your child appropriately. A light sweatshirt, fleece or sweater during the winter will assure your child stays warm inside & outside. In addition a change of clothes/socks left in the classroom is always appreciated. That way we don’t have to call parents to bring in dry clothes if a child gets damp from playing in the snow or falls in a puddle during recess. We always try our best to guide them away from these sloppy areas on the playground, but some kids just seem to be attracted to them.

毎日の天候をチェックし、適切な服装をしてきてください。スウェットシャツ、フリースやセーターを着るなどして暖かくしてください。休み時間に服や靴下がぬれた場合を考え、洋服の替えを教室に置いておくこともお勧めします。学校側も、子供達がぬかるみやぬれた芝生に入らないよう指導をしています。

The complete version of Principal Madison’s Parent Letter is available here:

Important Dates:

This Week, January 6th - January 10th

Mon Jan 6th
National Pride Day
School Resumes
9:05am - 9:10am Pledge of Allegiance, Chartier’s 4th/5th Class
3:15pm – 3:45pm Mike meets with PTO Co-Chairs
4:00pm – 5:00pm Brownies Mtg

Tue Jan 7th
12:20pm -12:55pm 4th Grade National Parks Presentation, PT 1
Wed Jan 8th
NWEA Winter Assessment window opens thru 2/4
11:30am – 11:54am 1st & 2nd Grade Light House meeting, Rm 112

Thu Jan 9th
8:15am – 8:45am Dicken Light House Team Mtg, Rm 110
12:20pm -1:05pm Dicken 5th Grade Robotics Lunch Mtg, Rm 120
12:20pm -12:55pm 4th Grade National Parks Presentation, PT 2
7:00pm – 9:00pm Dicken PTO Monthly Meeting

Fri Jan 10th
School Pride Day
9:00am – 9:30am 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades Light House meeting, Rm 112

Next Week, January 13th - January 20th

Mon Jan 13th
National Pride Day
9:05am - 9:10am Pledge of Allegiance, Hane’s 5th Class
4:00pm – 5:00pm Daisies Mtg

Tue Jan 14th
Mobile Planetarium Assemblies, Choice #2

Thu Jan 16th
12:20pm -1:05pm Dicken 5th Grade Robotics Lunch Mtg, Rm 120

Fri Jan 17th
School Pride Day
Mobile Planetarium Assemblies, Choice #1

Mon Jan 20th
No School Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
Observance
Notes from Our PTO
On behalf of PTO I would like to thank our wonderfully Dicken community who continue to volunteer and help make our events a success and support or school!
Our next event will be the winter walk in January.
Things to “bring in” the New Year!
1. Brown paper grocery bag turned into the Art room to bring home your winter walk vase.
2. A $10.00 minimum bottle of wine for the auctions wine poll. A table will be set up at the evenings winter walk to collect them.

Lastly, if you are a dog walker through our Dicken school grounds . Please continue to clean up after your pet. The dog stations will continue to provided bags for you to keep our playgrounds clean but please throw away at your own convince. There will no longer be trash bins available.

Winter Walk
On Tuesday January 28, please join your Dicken school community for a magical night of Mrs. Erickson’s winter walk. Our Dicken students have been creatively working in art class to create beautiful lanterns that will light up a path around our school.

Enjoy hot cocoa provided by your PTO!

Please bring a bottle of wine to donate to the auctions wine poll.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C45AAA62CABF58-dicken1
Recess Lunch Clubs Looking for Volunteers!

WHAT: The Dicken Student Lighthouse Team is launching Recess Lunch Clubs starting as soon as possible. Topics include the following:

Arts and Crafts  
STEM Gaming/Coding  
Photography/Movie Making  
Drama/Theatre  
Environmental Education  
Debate  
Music/Dance/Singing  
Book (Reading and Writing)  
Meditation/Yoga  
Board games  
Sewing/Knitting  
Travel/Explorations

WHEN: Volunteers interested in teaching on the subjects above would need to be available once a week during one or several of the following times:

11:30 – 11:54 (1st and 2nd grades)  
11:54 – 12:18 (Y5/K)  
12:18 – 12:42 (4th and 5th grades)  
12:42 – 1:06 (3rd grade)

ACTION REQUIRED: If you are interested in sharing your talents and leading one or more of these clubs, please contact Laite Odetola laiteodetola@gmail.com and Dana McPherren d.mcpherren@gmail.com as soon as possible with your availability.

Science Olympiad Coaches Needed:  
The Science Olympiad program at Dicken is in great need of new coaches. Washtenaw Elementary Science Olympiad (or WESO) is a program for 2nd through 5th graders, where students can choose from up to 23 different science-related “events”. Students attend weekly practices from February to May to learn more about their topic and to prepare for the WESO competition on May 9, 2020. Coaches are needed for each event to teach or guide students through the practices. Coaches can set their own practice schedules, and do not need to be experts in the topic they are coaching. The list of events (along
with brief descriptions) can be found on the WESO website. For more information on coaching, contact Nick Hutchinson (DickenWESO@umich.edu; 734-913-9418)

Nick Hutchinson
Dicken WESO Head Coach

PTO Thrift Shop
Here is the current PTO Thrift Shop Promotion: